

# THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

WORLD'S 1904 FAIR.

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR.

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## ROCK ISLAND OFFICIALS ASSEMBLE FOR CONFERENCE.

President Leeds and His Executive Staff Arrive in St. Louis to Inspect the New Properties and Determine Questions Raised by the Advent of the Road Into the City—Decision Regarding World's Fair Terminals and Agreement Regarding Wiggins Ferry Property May Be Reached.

ELEVATED ROAD FROM DEHODIAMONT DOWNTOWN NOT FAVORED



W. E. DAUCHY, Chief Engineer of the Rock Island system, as sketched yesterday in the Planters Hotel lobby. He will decide engineering questions connected with the entry of the Rock Island into St. Louis.

With few exceptions, the entire executive staff of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, including William H. Leeds, president, arrived in St. Louis yesterday morning and will remain at the Planters Hotel.

Robert Mather and M. A. Low of the railroad's legal department, the former of whom is second vice president of the system, have also returned to the city.

It is understood that the gathering of the various heads of the road means definite settlement of several important questions which have been pending since the road's advent into St. Louis, Colorado and Pacific property.

H. A. Parker, first vice president of the road, who has been in Missouri for more than a week, is expected to reach the city today, and participate in conferences with the World's Fair officials, with private interests in regard to the tangled situation at the Cahill tract and with regard to a settlement of the fight for the Wiggins Ferry property.

None of the Rock Island representatives would express a positive opinion yesterday as to what would be the outcome of any of the questions up for settlement. The proposition to carry the Rock Island downtown from Dehodiamont via an elevated line on the Suburban right-of-way, was scouted by them. Absolute silence was preserved in relation to the World's Fair terminals matter.

Besides Messrs. Leeds, Low and Mather there are in the Rock Island party, Mr. H. Warren, assistant to the president; J. M. Johnson, third vice president and freight traffic manager; C. A. Goodnow, general manager; W. E. Dauchy, chief engineer, and E. L. Phillips, President Leeds's private secretary.

POINTS TO BE DECIDED BY RAILWAY OFFICIALS.

The settlement of the World's Fair terminals and a satisfactory agreement in regard to the Wiggins Ferry property are the chief points which may be decided by the visit of the railway magnates. Involved also is the probability that the Rock Island will enter the Terminal Railway Association, H. I. Miller, general manager of the Vandalia line, representing the Pennsylvania system, which is a member of the Terminal Railway Association, met Mr. Leeds and other members of the party yesterday afternoon at the Planters Hotel. He took Mr. Leeds to dinner at his home last evening.

Mr. Miller said that the object of the visit of the Rock Island to the city was to look over the Rock Island property. It is not thought that an issue to the question of admitting the Rock Island to the Terminal will be found at this time, since Julius Walsh, president of the Terminal, and J. H. Ransaw, Jr., president of the Vandalia, which is in the Terminal, are in New York.

Mr. Johnson, third vice president, said he could say nothing at the present time. Mr. Dauchy, chief engineer, said that his presence had to do with an inspection of the properties and consideration of the engineering questions involved. He said he did not know how long he would remain, and did not think any important decisions would be reached at this time.

Attorney Low stated that the object of Mr. Leeds's visit was inspection.

"I am unable to say," said he, "how long he shall be in the city. As yet I can answer nothing definitely as to such questions as involve Rock Island plans in St. Louis."

WORLD'S FAIR OFFICIALS DESIRE SPEEDY SETTLEMENT.

The World's Fair officials have announced that they desire a settlement of the railroad question as soon as possible. The left-of-way of the old Colorado, now the Rock Island, is directly in front of what will be the main entrance to the Fair. The construction of stations by the Wabash and Rock Island on property acquired by them is the Cahill tract would be a detriment to the Fair, and a detriment to Portland and Westmoreland property holders. The use of the Wabash tracks and an underground station in common between the two roads is the World's Fair site has been considered a probable solution. Rock Island interests announced, however, that an independent right-of-way paralleling the Rock Island was wanted by them. President en-

## KING WILL RETURN TO LONDON TO-DAY

Announcement Serves to Quiet Flood of Rumors Concerning State of Majesty's Health.

CORONATION CROWDS ARRIVE.

Streets Are Packed and Jammed With Visitors and Hotels Are Overflowing—Beautiful Decorations Ready.

## KING'S SECRETARY DENIES WILD RUMORS.

London, June 22.—Various wild rumors current in London to-night concerning the health of the King, who was referred to Sir Francis Knollys, private secretary to the King. To the queries, Sir Francis has telegraphed the following reply from Windsor Castle:

"There is not one word of truth in these reports."

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, June 22.—(Copyright, 1902.)—Pleasant weather marked the beginning of coronation week, for showers which fell in the evening in no way dampened the spirits of the thousands of people who all day long thronged the streets waiting for the coronation procession which will pass on Thursday and Friday.

The announcement that King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the court would return to London from Windsor to-morrow at noon increased the universal anticipations for that day and served to quiet to some extent the flood of extraordinary rumors concerning the King's physical condition. In some quarters by wild tales of plots to assassinate his Majesty and other fictions, all of which have been promptly denied by the officials most intimately connected with the King.

King Edward's health was authoritatively declared to be good at Windsor Castle to-day and this morning his Majesty attended divine service, accompanied by other members of the royal family. This evening he enjoyed a drive through the royal gardens of Windsor Castle in a closed carriage. The court will arrive at Buckingham Palace to-morrow before luncheon time.

King Heard Band Concert.

At the command of the King many thousands of persons were admitted to the east terrace of Windsor Castle, this afternoon for the Sunday band performance. The terrace was crowded. The King and the Queen listened to the music from the windows of their private apartments. King Edward's appearance does not justify the sensational rumors of his illness.

It was possible to-day to get a very good idea of the general effect of the decorations. The most striking are to be found in St. James street. Here the tall Venetian masts have been added, while at their tops long arms swing over the street, supporting banners. Thick festoons of evergreens and artificial flowers hang across the entire width of the street, crossing each other in the center so that, standing at the lower end and looking up toward Piccadilly, there was a suggestion of a covered alleyway.

All along the route, poles have been erected from which float flags and pennants, festoons and streamers. From these float festoons of flowers, which are suspended from the red velvet by tulle knots. This effect is very handsome.

Undecorated Stands Unsightly.

Many of the stands are still undecorated and present a most unsightly appearance. Animated by the desire to make as much use as possible of the ornate of these structures ran up until the topmost row of seats is frequently on a level with the roof of a three-story building.

Yesterday and to-day the streets which the pageants will follow are simply jammed with people from the suburbs and foreigners and outlying districts of London. They flocked to the center of the city to see the decorations. There was no use trying to make headway in the crowd. One had to go with the slow-moving stream of humanity.

It was a foreboding of what may be expected to a greater degree all the week. Londoners who calmly watched the stands and decorations take shape were elbowed and jostled by the army of visitors. It was a good-natured, curious crowd, intent upon seeing all it could. Some drove in hansoms, many were on buses, but the majority walked. Already the pitiful inadequacy of transportation facilities is painfully evident.

Around Westminster Abbey the crowd was thickest and traffic was almost at a standstill. The old coronation chair, containing the Great Stone, is not yet put into position, but is locked in the chapel immediately behind the high altar. Hundreds of work people are still putting the finishing touches on the Abbey. Four or five women were yesterday afternoon outlining the edges of the steps of the "theater" with gold leaf.

Special Orders for Meat and Fish.

The beautiful Indian carpet, upon which the King and Queen's thrones are placed, is one of the most exquisite pieces ever seen. Equally beautiful are the carpets of a similar character laid down right to the front of the altar.

Extraordinary preparations are being made for the coronation and its multitudinous details on Thursday and Friday. Smithfield is sanguine there will be no shortage of meat, notwithstanding the fact that the weeks supply will have to be distributed in the first three days. Billingsgate is not so sure of its power to meet all demands as there will be a tremendous rush on fish, though numerous orders have been given at the fishing centers. It is not unlikely within the next few days that salmon, lobster and oysters will be arriving in great quantities. Extraordinary orders have already been received by the various Billingsgate firms from the big hotels, principally salmon.

Last week was a fairly busy one, as 2,200,000 pounds of fish reached the market. To-day, to-morrow and Wednesday, half a million pounds of salmon are expected. Besides this, more than double the weeks supply of other fish will be disposed of in three days.

King Edward's daily life for the past week has been regulated to conform very closely to his ordinary habits, and this regime has had a very beneficial effect in bringing about his rapid recovery from his recent illness. He has even failed to attend breakfast alone and receives the fewest possible guests.

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## LOBBY AGREEMENT RULES CONVENTION OF REPUBLICANS

Rank and File Will Not Express Choice for United States Senator.

KERENS HOLDS THE SITUATION.

Delegates at Jefferson City Admit Opposition Useless.

WITHDRAW AT FIRST CAUCUS.

Programme Agreed To One Month Ago by Railroad Attorneys Promises to Be Carried Out to the Letter.

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 22.—Late to-night, after much caucusing, the anti-lobby faction practically admits that it is unable to break the "agreement" made under the direction of Bill Phelps a month ago. There will be no nomination made for United States Senator.

Kerens is said to have announced his willingness to accept any resolution of the Missouri Pacific conference. Frank Roberts, Joe Harris and other staunch friends of Alkins have all declined to work for a senatorial nomination. Roberts was in the conference.

Those Republicans who have heard with disgust of the "agreement" which was made in the office of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, whereby a few bosses assumed to dictate the work of the convention a month before it convened, insist that anything short of an endorsement of a senatorial candidate will mean that the lobby has absolute control of the organization. In all moral consistency, they can see no way of escape from the dilemma presented by the Phelps-Kerens conference other than the abrogation of the "agreement."



E. MONT REILLY, Of Kansas City, president of the first Missouri Roosevelt Club.

McJannet for Temporary Chairman.

National Committeeman Kerens has centered his forces on the selection of E. E. McJannet of Maryville for temporary chairman of the convention. He is a strong Kerens man, and is considered a spell-binder. Charles D. Morris of Trenton is the acknowledged father of the McJannet movement, and is trying to secure pledges from the State Committeemen who have arrived. Friends of Morris claim that they have a sufficient number of votes to secure him McJannet's selection. At the meeting of the Editorial Association to-morrow afternoon an effort will probably be made to secure a McJannet endorsement.

The anti-Kerens faction claims that it has selected no candidates for the position of temporary or permanent chairman. However, it is believed that an effort may be made to put Congressman Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis in as temporary chairman, and Ben F. Russell of Steelville, as permanent chairman. Both of these men are strong friends of Alkins. Russell claims to be undecided as to the best course to pursue in the senatorial question, and as he is a candidate for Congress in



J. E. WHITE, Of Brookfield, Mo., candidate for the Republican nomination for State Superintendent of Public Schools.

can get back into favor if the convention stands by him.

He has told his friends that he wishes an endorsement of Roosevelt for re-nomination in 1904. He is also said to favor an endorsement of the President's Cuban reciprocity message, if that will help prevent a senatorial nomination.

"Anything to keep control of the patronage," is the motto of the Postmasters who have arrived in the city.

Delegates Want the Credit.

A Kansas City delegate is said to have told the national committeemen when he said that he desired the privilege of putting these planks in the platform that the resolutions would be inserted, but not by Kerens. "We do not propose to let you take the credit for our work," he was informed, it is reported.

John Albus, Jr., of St. Joseph, is on hand with a gripful of labels bearing the inscription, "Roosevelt, 1904." It will be up to the Kerens factionists to don the decoration.

The first contingent of politicians arrived on the noon train from St. Louis. They proceeded to the Monroe House, where both factions have established headquarters.

State Chairman Alkins, who insists that he is taking no hand in the senatorial contest, was accompanied by a number of friends. Charles Nagel, whose candidacy has been announced, was with Mr. Alkins, as was James L. Minnis, Ben J. Taussig and Bert Norton, the latter of New Cambria.

Judge Edward Higbee, candidate for a Supreme Court nomination, arrived on the same train. Ben F. Russell, who is said to be opposed to the senatorial proposition, came in. Joseph McCoy, formerly of Kansas City and St. Louis, with M. C. Kauf-

## FOUR BOYS ARE DROWNED WHILE BOATING IN THE MERAMEC RIVER.



All Were Members of Picnic Party Organized by the St. Louis Turnverein and the Society Was Enjoying an Outing at Fern Glen. Mo.—Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn, Mother of One of the Youths, Became Hysterical—Robert Regan, Eddie Flynn, Peter Larkin and Alphonse Kerns Lost Their Lives.

SEARCHERS ARE DRAGGING RIVER FOR THREE OF THE LOST.

Four South St. Louis boys were drowned at 4:30 yesterday afternoon in the Meramec River at Fern Glen, in St. Louis County, fifteen miles west of St. Louis, while they were attempting to row across the stream.

The accident occurred in the presence of a large crowd, celebrating the annual picnic of the St. Louis Turnverein. Three of the bodies are still in the river. The body of Peter Larkin was dragged ashore shortly after the accident, brought to the city and taken charge of by the Turners. Young Larkin was the son of Mrs. Ellen Larkin of No. 1712 Papin street.

The Larkin boy and the Flynn boy lived in the same house. Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn, mother of the drowned boy, was preparing a lunch for the children several rods away from the river when the boys got into the boat, and started across the stream. In midstream the boys arose in the boat, presumably to change seats, and the craft was overturned, throwing them all into the water. The current at that point is swift and treacherous and in a moment the boys were battling for life.

When the accident occurred the alarm quickly spread, and the picnickers, who were scattered about the grounds, hurriedly gathered on the banks. Mrs. Flynn, upon hearing that her son was among the unfortunate, ran wildly to the river, and but for the alertness of her friends she probably would have jumped in.

She witnessed the recovery of the dead body of Larkin, and then became hysterical. She was carried from the scene, as also was her sister, Miss Nellie Sweet, who had witnessed the accident.

NEWS RECEIVED AT RESIDENCES OF BOYS.

The sad news was brought to the homes of the other drowned boys' parents by Julius Seidel of No. 1115 Gratiot street, who was one of the first to make an effort to save the lads.

Mr. Seidel says the boys started across the river and were about the middle of the stream. One of the boys stood up in the boat waving the oar at some companions on the shore, and the boat became wobbly. Cries of warning were yelled by the onlookers, but before they were heeded all four of the lads were dumped into the river.

They battled hard for life. Their friends conched them, but few dared to venture into the stream, because it is fearfully swift at this point.

Larkin seemed to hold out the longest and came nearer to the shore than any of his struggling companions. He was forced to give up from exhaustion, however, and it is said his despair could be distinguished on his features from the shore as he sank the last time.

It was about fifteen minutes after the boat overturned before his body was recovered. Relatives and friends of the other boys were still searching for their bodies when the last report came in from the scene last night.

Three of the drowned boys were neighbors on Papin street, and their heartbroken relatives, some frantic with grief, mingled their tears. The sidewalk in front of the homes was lined with friends and morbid persons until a late hour.

It was necessary to call in several physicians for Mrs. Larkin and Mrs. Flynn, mothers of two of the victims. Their condition is very serious. Mrs. Flynn was taken to the home of Mrs. Mary Hogan at No. 1704 Papin street.

SEARCH FOR BODIES OF MISSING BOYS.

The Larkin boy had three sisters, older than himself. He was the only boy in the family. The mother of young Larkin is an invalid, and it is feared she cannot survive the shock.

Kerens Headquarters Established.

Colonel R. C. Kerens, the National Committeeman, though insisting that he is not an issue in the present quarrel, has established headquarters. Colonel Fred W. Schurte is with him. They went driving with Postmaster Robinson immediately after their arrival. Norman L. Florheim of St. Louis, Postmaster Charles D. Morris of Trenton and Postmaster John Swanger of Milan are also boosting the Kerens idea. W. C. Sebring of Lafayette County, candidate for Superintendent of Schools, is here competing with J. V. White of Brookfield and W. H. Lynch of Wright County, who are also on hand. M. W. Gustin of Salem is pushing his candidacy for Railroad Commissioner, with every prospect of success.

Among those who arrived on the afternoon train from the West were John H. (Fire Alarm) Flanagan of Carthage, Frank D. Roberts of Springfield, John Albus, Jr.,

man, arrived from Muscogee, I. T., where they are in the land office. They are both enthusiastic supporters of the convention's taking action on the senatorial nomination.

Ben J. Russell, Of Steelville, Republican nominee for Congress in the Sixteenth Missouri District.

of St. Joseph, James-Gillespie of Memphis and H. H. Mitchell of Clinton, secretary of the Missouri Republican Editorial Association.

Accommodations More Than Ample.

Jefferson City is proving its hospitality by more ways than one. The arriving visitors are being treated in royal style. A base-ball game this afternoon between the Nevada and Jefferson City teams was patronized by a large number of the local enthusiasts, each of whom made sure that no out-

MRS. ELIZABETH FLYNN

BOYS WHO WERE DROWNED.

Robert Regan, aged 16, No. 1716 Papin street.

Eddie Flynn, aged 17, No. 1712 Papin street.

Peter Larkin, aged 15, No. 1712 Papin street.

Alphonse Kerns, aged 16, No. 1222 South Fourth street.

A great throng of men and boys immediately began a search for the bodies, among them the father of young Kerns. Mr. Kerns is a father of No. 1222 South Fourth street and was at home when informed of the fate of his boy. He immediately started for the scene, with scarcely a word to his grief-stricken family.

Many of the excursionists remained at Fern Glen after the excursion train left; some are there yet. They had sad faces as they passed through the midway at Union Station last night, the same that were smiling when they passed in the opposite direction a short time before.

Fern Glen is on the Missouri Pacific Railway, fifteen miles west of St. Louis, where excursions are often held by the Turners and other St. Louis societies. The Meramec River yesterday night a page to her history, which will suffice all others for horror. The stream is considered almost as dangerous as the Mississippi at some points, and Fern Glen is one of the points.

The body of young Larkin will be turned over to his family this morning. The searchers hope to find the other three to-day, and many boats and skilled oarsmen will enlist in the search.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:35 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:58.

THE MOON RISES THIS EVENING AT 9:38.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Missouri—Fair and warmer Monday. Tuesday showers in west; fair in east.

For Illinois—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

For Arkansas—Fair and warmer Monday; probably showers and cooler Tuesday.

For Eastern Texas—Fair Monday; warmer in north. Tuesday fair.

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2. Congress Has Ignored Policy of McKinley and Roosevelt.

3. Railroad News. Builders' Playgrounds for Tenement Children.

4. Hard to Pick the Race Track Winner. Race Exciter for To-Day. Browns Defeat Athletics. Cardinals Lose to Cincinnati.

5. Nineteen-Inning Game at Chicago. Crawfish Hunting Forbidden in Park. Better Zine and Lead Market. Car Demolished Iron Fence.

6. Editorial. At the Summer Gardens. Coronation Reflections by a Humorist. Panama Grows in Favor With the Best Dressers.

7. Remarkable Rise in Realty Values. English Grow Jealous of America. General Komatsu to Visit St. Louis.

8. Republic "Want" Advertisements. Republic "Want" Advertisements. East Side News.

9. Sermons and Services at the Churches. Trouble Expected at Union Hill, N. J. Expert Parkes Not a Bond Expert.

10. Grains Close Lower on Cessation of Rain. Produce. Cotton. Live Stock.

11. Stumbled Against Her Father's Body. Crawfish Hunting Forbidden in Park. Better Zine and Lead Market. Car Demolished Iron Fence.

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